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STE REFORM BILL.

If the greatest debates that have ever
place in the House of Commons has
just terminated. The Reform Bill has passed
its second reading after a discussion lasting
from the 12th till the 27th of April. The
telegrams give us no idea of the in-
of the excitement which must have
only in the House of Commons, from
length and breadth of England
memorable fifteen days. We

On the day that the Government
was estimated at twenty; on another
vigorously, and the defection in the
ranks more wide-spread. Then we
news that the bill is in danger — it is, in fact, likely to be defeated.
no decisive telegram, has, however, at
arrived, and we learn that the bill
has passed its second reading by a majority of five. The smallness of the victory shows
us the closeness of the contest. Five is a
dangerous majority on which to rely in an
assembly like the House of Commons, but
we think the Government will manage to
carry their measure through its subsequent
stages. After Lord Grosvenor's insidious
ambition has been defeated it is very im-
probable that the bill will be lost in Com-
mittee or on its third reading. If it is to be
killed, that service will be left to the
Lords. On their shoulders will rest the res-
ponsibility of lighting up the torch of the most
dangerous agitation that England will have
seen for a very great number of years; for it
is very evident that such men as Gladstone
and Bright are not to be defeated now with
impunity. They have got the nation at
their back—the numerical nation, with its
roaring noise and violent gesture as well as
with its intellectual force and quiet determina-
tion. When the great thinking minds of
England have taken up the cause of the
working classes, there can be but one result,
and that success. The artisan population of
Great Britain are not now the isolated class
depending on their own efforts for advan-
tage—they have the warm sympathy of the
greatest statesmen, the greatest orators, the
greatest public writers, and the greatest pro-
fessors of political science. The presence
of these men shows them the necessity of
being liberal. They see breakers ahead, and
in the language of Gladstone himself, they
endeavor to be "wise in time." We are
glad the House of Commons has responded
to the same injunction, and our gratification
is none the less because it relieved us of the
fear that the Union bill will be postponed till
another session. The passage of the second
reading removes the great stumbling-block,
and we hope shortly to hear of the introduction
of the bill that will make these two
colonies one. As we have said we have no
fears of the result of the Reform bill in the
Commons, although the English press, gen-
erally speaking, take a different view of the
matter. The number of members present
when the division took place, which was at
eight o'clock in the morning, the debate
having been kept up all night, was 63, but
27 less than the number forming the House
of Commons. This is the largest House that
has appeared in a division for many years:
It is next to impossible to get such an assem-
blage together again after the success of the
second reading, and it will be much more
difficult for the Conservatives and renegade
Liberals to muster their defeated forces than
it will be for the Ministry to keep up their
majority. We have therefore every hope
that the measure will pass the Commons; if it
does not become law through the antagonism
of the Lords, it will be only taking the
question out of the quiet arena of Parliament-
ary debate and transferring it to the
noisy decision of the vox populi. The result
would prove that the enemies of Reform had
only got out of the frying pan to fall into
the fire.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF VAL-
PARAISO.

The telegraph this morning brings us the
startling news that Valparaíso has been bom-
barded by the Spaniards, and that property
belonged principally to English and American
residents, who are therefore the great sufferers.
If the news be correct in all its details, our
Admiral, the Hon. Joseph Donnan, stands in
a somewhat delicate position, in keeping
aloof while the work of demolition was going
on, and in refusing co-operation with the
American Commodore. It is quite possible
he was acting under orders; but it is difficult
to conceive of what especial use the
fleet was at Valparaíso at all if not to take
care of English interests. A little deter-
mination would, in all probability, have de-
terred the Spanish Admiral and have saved
the town. The news so far is too meager to
justify a decided opinion to the conduct of
either the English or the American fleet,
and we shall look forward with much interest
to the next telegrams.

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Oh Dear! Oh Dear!

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they'd let me get rid of my old dress and h

Old W—. I'd rather sweep the Climbly

with my own hands than he should ever dash my

dog's eye, as he did, and I'll never let him

have a chance and knock out his poor bag in the front gar-

den for that, the place was pleased for many a

day, the seat, draw in the parlor. Waders

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"Card," in the "British Colonist," as to whether

the so-called "Effects" exist only in the

